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The Honorable Fred E. Busbey U. S. House of Representatives Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Busbey:

In your most recent letter of 11 February relating to information on you state that it is your policy not to ask any Government agency for restricted information. As we previously indicated, all records of this Agency relating to employment, and particularly those relating to the therough investigations required for all personnel employed here, are classified.

This classification was adopted after careful consideration as part of our effort to protect the Agency from penetration by inimical interests. It is not intended to conceal information from those officials of the United States Government, including appropriate Committees of the Congress, who have good reason to have it.

We offered to discuss this case and the papers you request if you or your representative would come to the Agency, which invitation I repeat; however, I cannot set a precedent by releasing the documents or the information outside the Agency.

Sincerely,

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W. B. Smith Director

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